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Subject: RE: EPA Response to your questions on Paden City

Yes, I agree. I think it would be good to share with WV DEP since we mention WV DEP in our response. Thanks. -- Roy

From: Nitsch, Chad
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:50 PM
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Cc: Seneca, Roy <Seneca.Roy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Response to your questions on Paden City

No reason to not share. Since Bill Huggins has already spoken to Rob, I suggest that Bill follow up with a phone call.

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Any reason I shouldn't share these approved responses with Rob Rice at DEP when I speak to him?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 21, 2019, at 12:41 PM, Seneca, Roy <Seneca.Roy@epa.gov> wrote:

Alex: I work in the EPA Region 3 press office and your questions were passed on to me. Here is the EPA response.

Question 1: Could you explain what work the EPA has done in Paden City so far?

EPA Response: Since April 2018, EPA has been coordinating with the West Virginia DEP to conduct groundwater sampling around the former dry cleaning facility, Band Box Cleaners. The sampling will be used to identify the plume and direction of groundwater flow. It will also help determine whether Band Box is the only contributor to contamination. EPA has already disposed of contaminated soil that was accumulated during the drilling process.

Question 2: What steps need to be taken moving forward?

EPA Response: EPA and WVDEP will continue work on identifying the plume and direction of groundwater flow. Once the source and plume are identified, EPA will coordinate with WV DEP to review options on how to address the PCE. Options could include upgrading water treatment, installing extraction wells and/or removing contaminated soil. However, it is too early to draw conclusions on the best way to address the issue.

Question 3: How concerned should residents be about this excess contamination? Are there any extra steps they should take or is the water generally safe?

EPA Response: All health related questions should be directed to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services.

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From: Alex Meyer <ameyer@theintelligencer.net>
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Subject: Questions on Paden City

Mr. Matlock - Hi, my name is Alex and I'm a reporter with the Intelligencer in Wheeling. I'm writing about the water contamination in Paden City and was hoping to ask you a couple additional questions after speaking with the city, WVRWA, the DEP, etc. Would you have any time today to answer them? I've listed a few below or feel free to give me a call at 304-233-0100 ext. 270.

-Could you explain what work the EPA has done in Paden City so far? What steps need to be taken moving forward?

-How concerned should residents be about this excess contamination? Are there any extra steps they should take or is the water generally safe?

Thank you,
Alex Meyer